

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4469–S4525

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 838–847, and S. Res. 106–107. **Pages S4513–14**

Measures Passed:

Public Service Recognition Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 87, expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 4 through 10, 2009. **Page S4522**

Celebrating Accomplishments of University of Findlay Men's Basketball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 106, celebrating the outstanding athletic accomplishments of the University of Findlay men's basketball team for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Championship. **Page S4522**

Commending University of Connecticut Women's Basketball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 107, commending the University of Connecticut Huskies for their historic win in the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Basketball Tournament. **Pages S4523–24**

Appointments:

United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106–398, as amended by Public Law 108–7, in accordance with the qualifications specified under section 1238(b)(3)(E) of Public Law 106–398, and upon the recommendation of the Republican Leader, in consultation with the ranking members of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, appointed the following individuals to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission:

Dennis Shea of Virginia, for a term expiring December 31, 2010, and

Robin Cleveland of Virginia, for a term expiring December 31, 2010, vice Mark Esper of Virginia.

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Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the cloture motion relative to the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 386, to improve enforcement of mortgage fraud, securities fraud, financial institution fraud, and other frauds related to Federal assistance and relief programs, for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds, be withdrawn, and that at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, Senate begin consideration of the bill. **Pages S4524, S4498**

Message From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to the provisions of section 1512 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Public Law 105–261), certification that the export of one continuous mixer, one jet mill, and one filament winding cell is not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry, and that the material and equipment, including any indirect technical benefit that could be derived from these exports, will not measurably improve the missile or space launch capabilities of the People's Republic of China; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–14)

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Sanchez Nomination Referral—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of Francisco J. Sanchez, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, received in the Senate on April 20, 2009, be jointly referred to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. **Page S4524**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 73 yeas 23 nays (Vote No. EX. 159), Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq. **Pages S4471–98**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jonathan Steven Adelstein, of South Dakota, to be Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture.

Thomasina Rogers, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2015.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—159)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:06 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4524.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Cameron Kerry, of Massachusetts, to be General Counsel, and April S. Boyd, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Commerce, who were introduced by Senator Kerry, Dana G. Gresham, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, Roy W. Kienitz, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Policy, Peter Appel, of Virginia, to be the Administrator of Research and Innovative Technology Administration, and Robert Rivkin, of Illinois, to be General Counsel, and Joseph C. Szabo, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, who were introduced by Senator Durbin, all of the Department of Transportation, and Sherburne B. Abbott, of Texas, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Tech-

nology Policy, Executive Office of the President, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reforming America's health care delivery system, after receiving testimony from Glenn M. Hackbarth, Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; Lewis Morris, Chief Counsel, Office of Counsel to the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; Paul Diaz, Kindred Healthcare, Inc., Louisville, KY; Allan M. Korn, Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, Mark B. McClellan, Brookings Institute, Debra Ness, National Partnership for Women and Families, and Richard J. Umbdenstock, American Hospital Association, all of Washington, DC; Peter V. Lee, Pacific Business Group on Health, San Francisco, CA; Mary D. Naylor, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, and John Tooker, American College of Physicians, both of Philadelphia, PA; Frank G. Opelka, Louisiana State University Health Science Center, New Orleans; Glenn Steele, Jr., Geisinger Health System, Danville, PA; and Ron Williams, Aetna Inc., Hartford, CT.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Kathleen Sebelius, of Kansas, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

U.S. DIPLOMATIC CAPACITY IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine U.S. diplomatic capacity in Africa, after receiving testimony from Thomas R. Pickering, former Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, Princeton N. Lyman, Council on Foreign Relations, and Howard Wolpe, Woodrow Wilson Center, all of Washington, DC.

COUNTERNARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration concluded a hearing to examine counternarcotics enforcement, focusing on coordination at the Federal, State, and local level, after receiving testimony from John Leech, Acting Director, Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Frances Flener, Arkansas State Drug Director, Little Rock; and Douglas C. Gillespie, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Las Vegas, NV, on behalf of Major Cities' Chiefs Association.